

# ACHS SUMMARY FORM

1. Name Kingsley School (Kingsley One Room School)
2. Planning Area/Site Number 10/48
3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference Map 7  
C-1
4. Address Kingsley Road, Clarksburg
5. Classification Summary
  - Category building
  - Ownership public
  - Public Acquisition NA
  - Status unoccupied
  - Accessible no
  - Present use park
  - Previous Survey Recording M-MCPC Federal    State X County X Local
  - (Title and date: Inventory of Historical Sites - 1976 )
6. Date 1893
7. Original Owner: Board of County School Commissioners
8. Apparent Condition
  - a. good
  - b. unaltered
  - c. Original site
9. Description: This school is a one-story, one-room, frame structure, sitting on a stone foundation. The entrance is in the east gable end; the sidewalls are three bays. At the west end, at the ridge, is a framework for a bell. Kingsley is typical of the County one-room schools for white children which opened in the late 19th century, and closed in 1935. However, Kingsley is unusual because its architectural features remain unchanged. School architecture was similar throughout the County, and repeated at Kingsley in a simple rectangle with a rubblestone foundation, wood siding, tin roof and a small front stoop. A bell cupola adorns the roof.
10. Significance: Of the one-room schools for white children which opened in the late 19th c., Kingsley is one of the few that still has its original architectural features. Kingsley School was built in 1893 on part of the Moneysworth tract, in response to the surrounding farming community's request for a school within walking distance for elementary age children. Local residents helped build the school, hauling chimney bricks from the kilns at Mt. Airy, collecting stone for the foundation, and constructing the building for \$399.19. Teachers were probably chosen from the community and boarded at a neighboring farm. The educational term was broken into 4 sessions, beginning Sept. 1 and ending June 31. Thirty students in grades 1 through 8 were taught in the 660 square foot room. The mid 1930's philosophy of consolidation closed the Kingsley one-room school; its students were transferred to Clarksburg. The schoolhouse was sold to the owners of the adjoining farm in 1936 (for \$300). It was sold to the M-MCPC in 1964 and restored and refurbished, only to suffer vandalism because of its isolation in Little Bennett Regional Park.
11. Date researched and researcher 1/79 - Janie Payne/Peg Coleman
12. Compiler Gail Rothrock
13. Date Compiled 2/79
14. Designation Approval
15. Acreage 1 acre

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

M: 10/48

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Kingsley School

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER Kingsley Road

CITY, TOWN

Clarksburg

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☒ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

M-NCPPC

Telephone #: 565-7544

STREET &amp; NUMBER

8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Silver Spring

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20907

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 3199

Folio #: 428 (1964)

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20855

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
___ PREHISTORIC	___ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	___ COMMUNITY PLANNING	___ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	___ RELIGION
___ 1400-1499	___ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	___ CONSERVATION	___ LAW	___ SCIENCE
___ 1500-1599	___ AGRICULTURE	___ ECONOMICS	___ LITERATURE	___ SCULPTURE
___ 1600-1699	___ ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	___ MILITARY	___ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
___ 1700-1799	___ ART	___ ENGINEERING	___ MUSIC	___ THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	___ COMMERCE	___ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	___ PHILOSOPHY	___ TRANSPORTATION
___ 1900-	___ COMMUNICATIONS	___ INDUSTRY	___ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	___ OTHER (SPECIFY)
		___ INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1893

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Kingsley School was built in 1893 in the rural northwestern section of the county on part of the tract, Moneysworth,<sup>1</sup> in response to community request for a school within walking distance for elementary age children.

In the late nineteenth century there were numerous farms in this fertile valley laced with Little Bennett Creek and its tributaries. Local residents hauled chimney bricks from the kilns at Mt. Airy, a distance of about twelve miles; they collected stone for the foundation, and constructed the rectangular building of 660 square feet at a cost of \$399.19. They installed a slate blackboard of 63 square feet.<sup>2</sup>

Teachers seem to have been chosen from the community, and boarded at a neighboring farm.<sup>3</sup> The first teacher was Willis O. Rhodes, the only male among the twelve professional educators at Kingsley. Surnames of the women teachers are familiar in local history -- Spates, Green, Ashton, Ricketts and King, among others.<sup>4</sup>

The educational term was broken into four sessions: fall--September 1-November 15; winter--November 16-January 31; spring--February 1-April 15; and summer-April 16-June 31. Average daily attendance in 1893 was about thirty students in eight grades, which surely made the teacher's task challenging.

By the mid 1930s, the availability of school busses made it practical to collect children from scattered localities and deliver them to a central location. At the same time progressive educators and Board of Education philosophy encouraged consolidation. Kingsley one-room school closed, and its students were transferred to Clarksburg.

The Kingsley Schoolhouse was sold to the owners of the adjoining farm, Mr. & Mrs. Eli Garret Cooley, for \$300 in 1936.<sup>5</sup> It was sold to the M-NCPPC in 1964 as park of Little Bennett Park. Park funds were allocated for restoration and furnishing in 1966-7; desks, buckets, and a potbellied stove were installed.

In 1977, however, vandals broke in and stole these items; walls and the slate blackboards were broken up by gunmen. Further work awaits the development of Little Bennett Park.

## FOOTNOTES:

1. Land Records of Montgomery Co., Md., JA 38/439 (1893) and JA 38/437 (1893).
2. State Dept. of Education Records.
3. Interview with Mrs. Clarence Day, Clarksburg, 1978.
4. State Dept. of Education Records.
5. Land Records, Op. Cit., 618/483 (1936).

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland.  
 State Department of Education Records.  
 Interview with Mrs. Clarence Day, Clarksburg, 1978.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Jayne Payne/Peg Coleman

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

February 1979

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

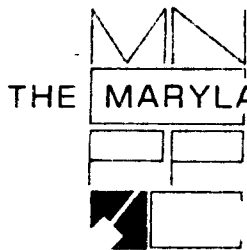
Maryland 20753

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: ~~Maryland Historical Trust~~  
~~The Snow House, 21 State Circle~~  
~~Annapolis, Maryland 21401~~  
~~(301) 267-1438~~

MRE M:10-48



THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION  
8787 Georgia Avenue • Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760

June 12, 1984

RECEIVED

JUN 14 1984

MEMORANDUM

TO: Richard Ferrara, Director, Department of Housing and Community Development  
John L. Menke, Director, Department of Environmental Protection  
✓ J. Rodney Little, Director, State Historic Preservation Office  
Susan Kuklewicz, Chairperson, Historic Preservation Commission

FROM: Perry Berman, Chief, Community Planning North P.B.

SUBJECT: Approved and Adopted May 1983 Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation

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I am pleased to transmit to you the May 1983, Approved and Adopted Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation.

This amendment designates fourteen historic resources for preservation and protection under the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code. In addition, it identifies 83 sites that have been reviewed and found not suitable for regulation under the Ordinance. Those properties listed on the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Resources in Montgomery County, Maryland are also exempted from any further regulation under the Moratorium on Alteration and Demolition, Section 24A-10 of the Preservation Ordinance.

Please adjust your records to reflect this action. Should you have any questions concerning this amendment, please do not hesitate to contact Marty Reinhart of Community Planning North at 565-7354.

PB:MR:sdr  
Enclosure

Board. Upon receiving a recommendation from the Historic Preservation Commission, the Planning Board will hold a public hearing to make its determination using the same criteria, considering the purposes of the Ordinance, and balancing the importance of the historic property with other public interests.

If the Planning Board decides to place the historic resource on the Master Plan, it will then recommend a master plan amendment to the County. The County Council may hold a hearing before it acts, if appropriate. Upon approval by the Council and adoption by the Planning Board of the proposed amendment, the historic resource would then become designated on the Master Plan, and, thus, subject to the protection of the Ordinance.

### THE AMENDMENT

The purpose of this proposed Amendment is to add several historic sites and resources to chapter 4 of the Master Plan for Historic Preservation, and to create a new Appendix, listing historic sites or resources which have been determined not suitable for regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code.

The following historic sites and resources are recommended for inclusion in chapter 4: (A map of the site's location is provided on the page indicated.)

10/48      Kingsley School    (p. 8)

- 1893 -- Unaltered one-room school house.
- Typical of the County's system in the late 1800's.
- The entire parcel of 1.9 acres is designated with a potential to reduce the environmental setting to one acre, the land area historically associated with one-room school houses.

12/2      Harris Houses    (p. 9)

- 19th century farmstead associated with the Hays/Harris families, early settlers of the Barnesville area.
- Both houses are examples of the sectional growth of log dwellings later expanded by frame additions.
- Because the acreage associated with this site is protected under a conservation easement, the site is designated with an environmental setting for approximately 8.5 acres to include the main house and yards, the tenant house, and the bank barn along with the substantial vegetation and environmental features (portion of the stream valley) which define the farmstead.

12/5      James Pearre Farm    (p. 9)

- Mid-19th century brick farmhouse with unusual double external chimneys.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEED INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON:					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
Kingsley School					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
Kingsley Road					
CITY OR TOWN:					
Clarksburg					
STATE			COUNTY:		
Maryland			Montgomery		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	Public Acquisitions:	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied	Yes:
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	<u>Unoccupied</u>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific			
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME:					
The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
8787 Georgia Avenue (Little Bennett Regional Park)					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		
Silver Spring			Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTER OF DEEDS, ETC:					
Montgomery County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		
Rockville			Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
6. REFERENCE TO EXISTING SURVEYS					
NAME OF SURVEY:					
NONE					
DATE OF SURVEY:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
LOCATION FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		



CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site		
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE						
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

# IV. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |   |   |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   |   |  | _____                                    |

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

## 9. MAJOR HYDROGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
NW	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION M-NCPPC	DATE 13 Mar 1974
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE Maryland

## 12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

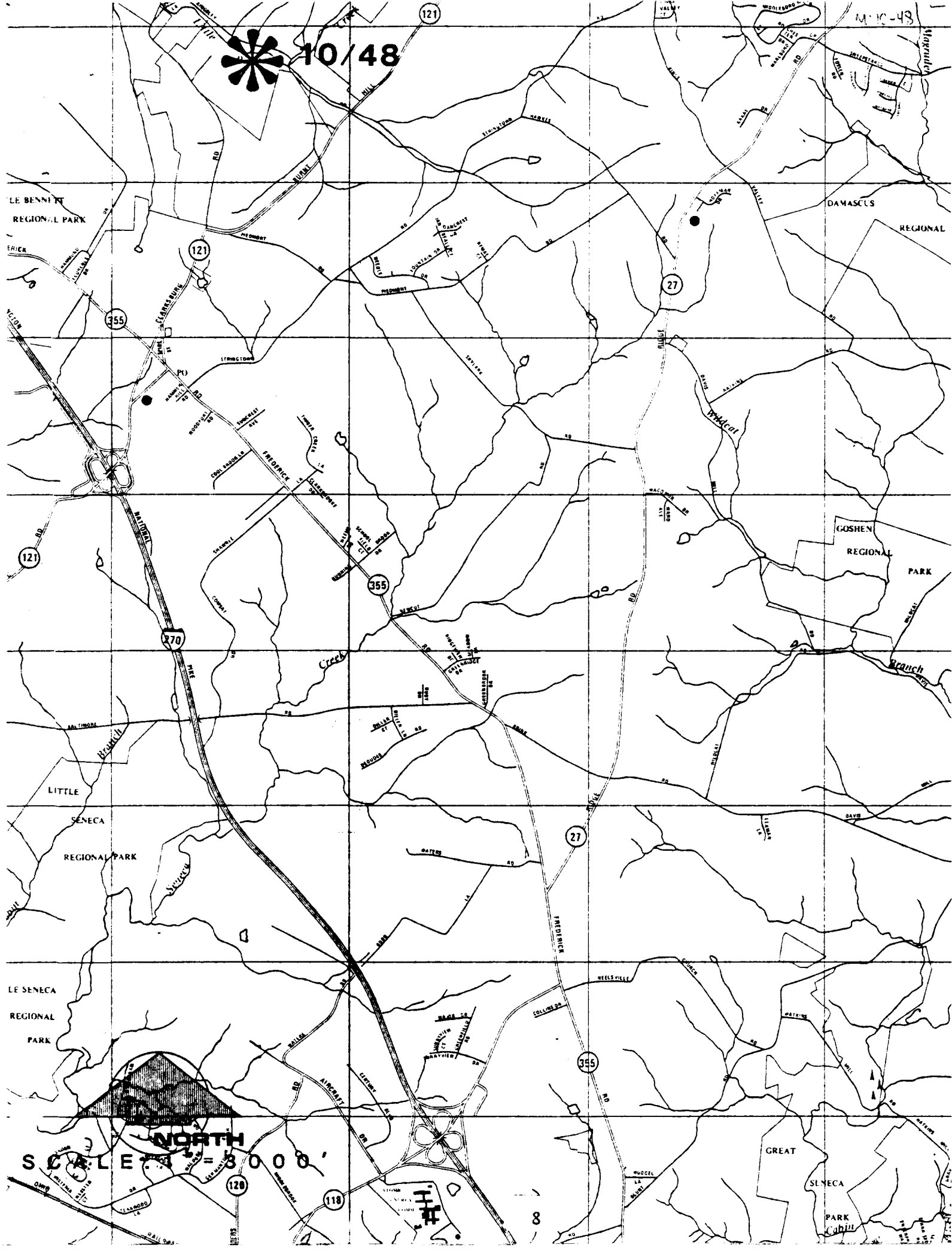
Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

S E E I N S T R U C T I O N S

**10/48**



**NORTH**  
**SCALE 1" = 3000'**



NAME #10-48 KINGSLEY SCHOOL M: 10-48

LOCATION KINGSLEY RD., HYATTSTOWN, MD.

FACADE SE

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